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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 4 March 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The reply failed to present arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over the applied references. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

While Applicant has presented arguments, they do not point out specific distinctions between the new claims and the prior art. Applicant must specifically point out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the prior art. In order to best accomplish this, Applicant should mark the claims to show the differences between the original claims and the amended claims (i.e., using brackets and underlining) and point out how these changes distinguish over the prior art.

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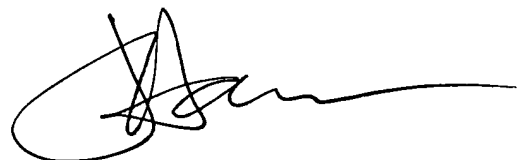
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Hughes can be reached on (703) 308-1806. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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